

WILLIAM A. P. FELLOWS.

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Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2120.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2120) granting a pension to William A. P. Fellows, have examined the same. and report:

The records of the War Department show that this man enlisted in Company D, Second Michigan Cavalry, November 16, 1863, and was mustered out August 17, 1865. The medical records show that he was treated for fever and dysentery in the service.

August 26, 1890, he filed a claim under the act of June 27, 1890, alleging wounds in right hand, left side, and left foot. Affidavit filed May 7, 1892, alleges loss of two toes and injuries to right foot. This claim was adjudicated November 11, 1892, and he was pensioned at \$8 for injury to right hand and both feet.

January 9, 1894, he applied for increase, alleging also total disability of right arm and rupture in left side, with abscess formation. His pension was increased to \$12 for the same disabilities from October 31, 1894.

He was examined June 17, 1891, and rated four-eighteenths for injury to right hand, two-eighteenths for loss of toe, left foot; two-eighteenths for loss of ends toes, right foot.

At an examination October 31, 1894, no rates were given, but the board said "Claimant is wholly disabled for performance of manual labor."

No effort has ever been made to connect any of the disabilities with the service, no application under general law having been filed.

Evidence filed with the committee shows that he is wholly unable to perform manual labor. His financial condition is not shown except by his own statement, which is to the effect that he has a sick wife and has no means of procuring food.

Soldier alleges that while in the service he was thrown from a horse and seriously injured, and claims that his present disabilities are due largely to that injury.

Dr. E. S. Buett, of Los Angeles, Cal., makes affidavit that soldier's right arm is totally paralyzed and that he is otherwise totally disabled for manual labor. He gives it as his opinion that soldier's disabilities are due to army service.

Recognizing certain equities in this case, your committee recommend the passage of the bill after being amended as follows:

In line 4, after the word "authorized," insert the words "and directed."

In line 7 strike out the word "thirty" and substitute the word "twenty."

In line 8 strike out the word "allowed" and substitute the word "receiving."

Also amend the title of the bill so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to William A. P. Fellows."

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